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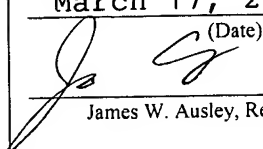
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App. No : 10/020,484
Filed : December 12, 2001
For : BILL ACCEPTOR FOR A GAMING
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Examiner : Matthew D. Hoel
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Dear Sir:

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- (X) Request for Reconsideration of Abandoned Status, 2 pg.
- (X) Copy of Response filed June 1, 2004, 11 pg.
- (X) Copy of Private PAIR printout, 2 pg.
- (X) Copy of Status Letter filed July 1, 2005, 4 pg.
- (X) Copy of Status Letter filed November 22, 2005, 4 pg.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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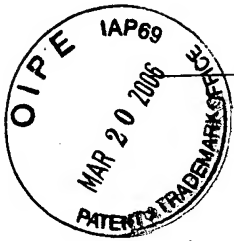
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ABANDONED STATUS**

First named inventor : James Rist
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Dear Sirs:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper response to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2003, which set a 3 month period for response. The Applicant submits that the Notice of Abandonment has been sent in error and requests reconsideration.

On June 1, 2004 an Amendment was filed in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. The Amendment was filed with a Request for Extension of Time of two months and the required fee. We note that a three month extension of time should have been requested, however the response was filed along with authorization for the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extension of time, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A copy of the Amendment is attached. Also attached is a printout from the USPTO's Private PAIR database indicating that the Amendment was received in the U.S. Patent Office on June 4, 2004.

On July 1, 2005 and November 22, 2005, the Applicant's representative filed Status Letters requesting the status of the Application. A copy of both documents and their respective USPTO-date stamped return postcards are attached. The Applicant's representative received no response to either Status Letter.

It is requested that the Examiner revive the application and accept the Amendment timely filed on June 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

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UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT
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Date: 06/01/2004
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Docket #: FBRIC20.001AUS

Applicant: RISI, James

Title: BILL ACCEPTOR FOR A GAMING MACHINE

App No.: 10/020,484

Filed: 12/12/2001

VERIFIED BY: Asst: A. Cogar

Atty: JWA

QC: WJ

- ☒ Transmittal Letter
- ☒ Amendment in 8 pgs
- ☒ 2 Month Extension Requested
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; with PTO-1449 w/ Ref(s)
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer in pgs
- ☐ Sequence Submission Statement
- ☐ Sequence Listing in pgs
- ☐ copies of CRF Containing Seq List
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Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	12-30-2003
Examiner Name:	THAI, XUAN MARIAN	Location:	ELECTRONIC
Group Art Unit:	3713	Location Date:	-
Confirmation Number:	6786	Earliest Publication No:	US 2003-0109302 A1
Attorney Docket Number:	FBRIC20.001AUS	Earliest Publication Date:	06-12-2003
Class/ Sub-Class:	463/025	Patent Number:	-
First Named Inventor:	James Rist, New South Wales, (AU)	Issue Date of Patent:	-
Title Of Invention:	Bill acceptor for a gaming machine		

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STATUS LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Our file for the subject application reveals that there has been no action in this application
for over one year, i.e., June 1, 2004.

Please inform us as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 6/30/05

By: James W. Ausley

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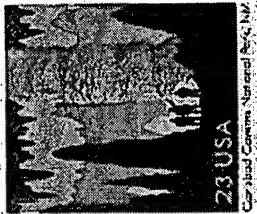
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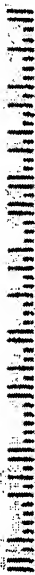
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Title: Bill Acceptor For a Gaming Machine
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Exr: Xuan M. Thai Art Unit: 3713
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Upon review of our records and any available PAIR record, it appears there has been no action in the above-referenced application since the Response to Office Action was mailed on June 1, 2004.

Please inform us as to the status of this application. This is our second request.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 11/18/05

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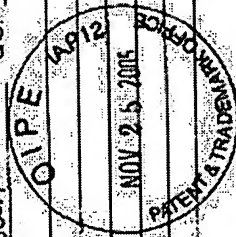
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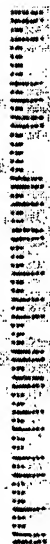
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